

100 McDowell Street — For more information, call (704) 321-7275

DECEMBER 2021

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER



For more info on classes &
events or to
register online go to
WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM

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WINTER CLASSES, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

In the upcoming pages, we list out all of our programs, classes and events coming up in December.

If you would like more information, please visit our website or reach out to us via phone or email!

FACILITY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

December 24 - 27: All Facilities

December 31: Crews Recreation Center & McDowell Arts Center
Matthews Community Center to close at 5:00pm

January 1: All Facilities

COVID-19 UPDATE

All patrons five years of age and older are required to wear a face covering at all times while indoors, regardless of vaccination status, unless actively eating or drinking. No exceptions.

CREWS RECREATION CENTER

1201 Crews Road—Behind the Matthews Police Department

For more information on Crews Center activities, call (704) 708-1287

AMERICAN ELITE KARATE

Youth martial arts classes are offered on **Thursday evenings from 5:45-8:30pm** for children of all ages interested in learning the basics of martial arts in a fun and active environment. To register or for additional information please visit <http://www.americanelitemartialarts.com/>

FACILITY RENTALS

We are currently booking our facility for Winter. Book your next event with us. Our space is a great place to host your birthday party, baby and wedding showers, anniversary parties, family reunions and meetings. Availability will not last long!!! Contact Charles Smith at 704-708-1289 or via email at csmith@matthewsnc.gov for facility pricing and availability.

TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

\$2.00 PER SESSION
A slow meditation in motion, Tai Chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements. The ultimate purpose is cultivating the Qi, or life force, within us to flow smoothly and powerfully throughout the body.
Monday & Thursdays at 10:30am.

COSMIC MINI GOLF



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

DECEMBER 3

6:00PM-9:00PM

18-HOLE INDOOR MINI GOLF
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

CREWS RECREATION CENTER
1201 CREWS ROAD
MATTHEWS, NC 28105

REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM

#FunfortheWholeFamily

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: 704-708-1289

OPEN GYM SPORTS

PICKLEBALL

Saturdays | 8:00am-10:45am
Thursdays | 5:30pm-8:30pm
(Dec. 2, 16 & Jan. 13)
Advance registration **required**
via signup genius
(<https://qrqo.page.link/skXdx>)
\$2.00/player

BADMINTON

Session 1
10:00am-11:30am
Session 2
11:30am-1:00pm
Session 3
1:00pm-2:30pm
Sundays | 10am-2:30pm
Thursdays | 5:30p-8:30p
(Dec. 9, Jan. 6, Feb. 3)
Advance registration via signup
genius **required**.
(<https://qrqo.page.link/CYTjW>)
\$2/player

BASKETBALL

Scan to view December's
open gym/play calendar!



SOUL LINE DANCE

In partnership with ASC and Purple Steppers, a free Soul Line Dance class will be offered on
Mondays from 12pm to 1pm.



HIGH FITNESS DANCE CARDIO

A dance cardio workout that combines high energy aerobics and interval training set to fun music you love with easy to follow fitness choreography.
Adaptable for all ages and fitness levels!
Classes begin December 6
Mondays, 9:30am-10:20am
Wednesdays, 7pm-7:50pm
\$7.00/session or \$60 for a class pass (10 sessions)
No class December 27

BRIDGE CLUB

The Charlotte Bridge Club offers games on
Mondays & Tuesdays from 12:30pm-4:30pm
Cost is \$7.00 per session.

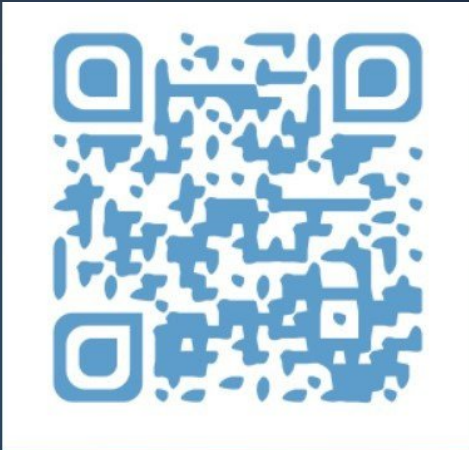


No games held on the week of December 27

ESPORTS LEAGUES

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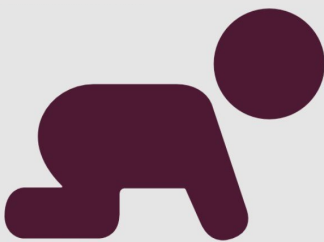
BEGIN PLAYING AGAINST
LOCAL GAMERS IN
JANUARY 2022



JOIN LEAGUES & SUGGEST
YOUR FAVORITE GAMES

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL
LEAGUE WINNERS

BABYSITTER CERTIFICATION COURSE



WHAT DO PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

- This one-day certification course will give any youth (ages 10-17 years old), the information needed for effective babysitting. Specifically, the course teaches general baby care, toddlers, and older children care, as well as health and safety issues like choking and rescue breathing. You will be certified in babysitting at the completion of the course. Our curriculum is facilitated by a trained American Red Cross & American Safety and Health Institute instructor.

WHO?

- Youth ages 10-17 years old

WHEN?

- Saturday, December 4, 2021; 9:00am-1:00pm

WHERE?

- Crews Recreation Center - 1201 Crews Road, Matthews, NC 28105

COST & REGISTRATION

- \$65 per participant
- Register at: www.matthewsnc.gov.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT CHARLES SMITH:
CSMITH@MATTHEWSNC.GOV
OR
704-708-1289

ARTS DELIVERED CLASSES

For any questions about any Arts Delivered class, contact Rick at artsdelivered@gmail.com or 704-618-2222.

ADULT MAKE & GLAZE CLASSES

Ages 18+ | Wednesdays | 8:45am-9:45am
December 8 & 15 | \$40 per 2-week session

AFTERNOON HOMESCHOOL CLAY CLASSES

Ages 7+ | Wednesdays | 1:00pm-2:30pm | December 1-15
Matthews Resident: \$60 - Non-Resident: \$65

PRE-K CLAY CLASSES

Ages 3-6 | Dec. 1/First Wednesday of each month | 9:00am-9:45am
\$10 per platter
Guardians must stay during class.

CHARACTER DESIGN CRASH COURSE WEEKEND WORKSHOP



Saturday, Dec. 18 | 10am-12pm | Ages 7-11 | \$50

A workshop where participants will learn the basics on how to create cartoon characters with purpose and emotion.

BASKET WEAVING CLASSES

NOW MEETING AT THE MCDOWELL ARTS CENTER!

Next Class:

Saturday, January 22, 2022
9:30am-12pm

Create a wall basket!

Matthews Residents: \$30
Non-Residents: \$35

All supplies and materials included!



2/5/22

UPCOMING CLASSES

3/26/22



Market Basket



Pie Basket

MCDOWELL ARTS CENTER GALLERY

MATTHEWS ARTISTS GUILD WILL HAVE
THEIR HOLIDAY SHOW ON DISPLAY
FROM DECEMBER 5 - 31

CLASSES TAUGHT BY EILEEN SCHWARTZ ART WITH EILEEN

Art classes for adults with disabilities.
Parents/guardians of interested students must contact Eileen prior to registering for class.
Tuesdays, Dec. 7 & 14 | Fridays, Dec. 3-17
9:00am-12:00pm

VETERANS ART CLASS

FREE for all Veterans as a thank you for your service!

Fridays, December 3-17 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Contact Eileen Schwartz for more information
eileenschwartzusa@gmail.com

LET'S PAINT WITH CYNTHIA Oil Painting for Adults

BEGINNER

Mondays | December 6, 13, 20 | 9:30am-12:30pm | \$75

INTERMEDIATE

Thursdays | December 2, 9, 16 | 9:30am-12:30pm | \$75

ADVANCED

Mondays | December 6, 13, 20 | 1:00pm-4:00pm | \$60

NO OPEN STUDIO IN DECEMBER

New students will need to contact Cynthia prior to signing up for class – cynhoward3@gmail.com. Pre-registration is required.

FREE GROUPS MEETING AT THE MCDOWELL ARTS CENTER

It's All About Yarn | Tuesdays | 6pm-8pm
Contact Mary McGee at mmagee001@gmail.com

Basket Guild | Tuesday, January 25 | 6pm-8pm
Will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month starting in January.

Matthews Artists Guild | Tuesday, December 14
Meeting will include a reception for the MAG gallery show.
Visit www.matthewsartistsguild.com

Waxhaw Woodturners | December 7 | 6:30pm
Meetings held first Tuesday of each month. Visitors welcome!

YOGA CLASSES

BOWSPRING YOGA WITH LINDA OELSCHLAEGER

8-week session | November 2 - December 22

Tuesdays, 9:30am-10:30am | Wednesdays, 6pm-7pm

Matthews Residents: \$80 | Non-Residents: \$85

Due to social distancing, space is limited.

No class November 24 or December 14



RESOLVE TO EVOLVE - NEW YEAR YOGA

Welcome our new yoga instructor, Kristen Shaben!

Start the new year celebrating intention, purpose, strength, new possibilities, and relaxation.

Matthews Residents: \$40 | Non-Residents: \$45

Drop In: \$12 | Sundays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30 | 3pm-4pm



CLASSES WITH THE MUSIC MAKERS

HOLIDAY MUSIC CLASSES

Ages 2-6 | Fridays, December 3 & 10 | 10am or 11am

Holiday-themed musical activities! Holiday sing-a-long, movement and dancing, instrument playing, puppets and visuals, and holiday musical games. Parents/guardians must stay with their child during the class.

Matthews Residents: \$35 | Non-Residents: \$40

Holiday Events at the Matthews Community Center

KWANZAA CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 29

7pm



MATTHEWS COMMUNITY CENTER
FREE EVENT - ALL ARE WELCOME!



Lighting Ceremony

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
5:30PM

IN FRONT OF MATTHEWS
TOWN HALL
232 MATTHEWS STATION ST,
MATTHEWS 28105

FREE EVENT!
ALL ARE WELCOME!



THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

Tickets are \$7/person

Seating is general admission and a limited number of tickets will be sold.

Saturday, November 27 - 2pm & 7pm performances

Sunday, November 28 - 3pm performance

Saturday, December 4 - 2pm (SOLD OUT) & 7pm performances

Sunday, December 5 - 3pm performance

SUGAR PLUM PARTY

Tickets are \$5/person

The party will immediately follow the 2pm matinee performance of Saturday's Nutcracker

Saturday, November 27

Saturday, December 4 - SOLD OUT

A photo opportunity with the cast of the Nutcracker, a craft, and some sweet treats to go!

Tickets currently on sale! Visit www.matthewsfun.com to register, call 704-321-7275 or stop by the Matthews Community Center. Covid-19 restrictions in place for all holiday events including requiring mask-wearing indoors, limited numbers of tickets sold and social distancing.

"Sounds of the Season"



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30PM

MATTHEWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY

207 WEST JOHN STREET

FREE ADMISSION

PARKS & SPECIAL EVENTS

For more information about Parks, call 704-708-1288

For more information about Special Events, call 704-708-1261



Celebrate New Year's Eve with your family at our first-ever Noon Year's Eve Party inside of Fullwood Theater! Entertainment acts and a kid-friendly DJ will keep this party going from 10am-12pm. The DJ will count us down to 12 NOON and we will have a balloon drop. Recommended for ages 4 and up, because of the loud music and the need to stay at a seat, but younger children are certainly welcome. Parents must stay with their child during the event. One ticket per person, not per seat. Masks are required for everyone ages 5 and up while inside of the building.

Tickets are \$7 per person



www.matthewsplayhouse.com

Hometown Holidays 2021



Town of
Matthews
Parks, Recreation &
Cultural Resource

Novant Health – Matthews Medical Center Virtual Festival of Trees
Virtual lighting on November 18th at 5:30pm; Trees displayed through Dec.

The Nutcracker

November 27th–28th and December 4th–5th.

Presented by Matthews Ballet. Tickets available online and at Matthews Community Center. Details at matthewsfun.com

Gingerbread House Contest & Display

Enter November 29th–December 3rd at the Matthews Chamber. Judging on December 4th. Amateur and Pro categories. Details at matthewschamber.org

Menorah Lighting Ceremony

November 30th, 5:30pm, at the Town Hall Green. Presented by ZABS Place and Chabad of Charlotte.

Miracle on 34th Street

December 9th–December 19th (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday shows). Presented by Matthews Playhouse of the Performing Arts. Tickets and information at matthewsplayhouse.com

Crews Family Fun Night

December 3rd. Fun and refreshments for the entire family. Cosmic Mini Golf Night! 6pm–9pm. Adults \$5, Children \$2. Crews Recreation Center, 1201 Crews Road. Preregister at matthewsfun.com

Jingle Jam

December 3rd, 7pm–9pm. Holidays aren't just for the kids! Concert on the Matthews Station St. lawn with U-Phonik. Pop/rock and a U2 tribute! Dress warmly! Presented by Google Fiber. Details at matthewsfun.com

Downtown Holiday Stroll

December 4th, 3pm–5pm. Start at the depot, get your map, visit merchants for special treats, and vote for your favorite window. Presented by the Matthews Chamber and Red Brick Partnership. Details at matthewschamber.org

Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 4th, 5pm–6pm. Face painter, caricature artists, Santa, Elsa, Olaf, & the tree lighting with pyrotechnics! Presented By Novant Health–Matthews Medical Center. Details at matthewsfun.com

Kwanzaa Celebration

December 29th, 7pm–8pm at the Community Center. Music, dancing, and informative presentations about the holiday! Presented by April C. Turner and Life As Art Productions.